

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

[1] (Currently Amended) A cast-coated paper obtained by applying a cast coating layer comprising a pigment and an adhesive on a base paper containing an organic compound having the effect of inhibiting interfiber bonding of pulp, and pressing and drying the cast coating layer in the wet state against a heated mirror finishing surface to finish it, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the cast coating layer contains not less than 50 parts by weight of a kaolin based on 100 parts by weight of inorganic pigments, that the kaolin has a particle size distribution such that not less than 65% by volume of the particles are in the range of 0.4-4.2 μm and that the cast coating layer contains a plastic pigment.

[2] (Canceled).

[3] (Currently Amended) The cast-coated paper of claim 1 ~~characterized in that~~wherein the plastic pigment is contained in an amount of 5-50 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of inorganic pigments.

[4] (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a cast-coated paper comprising applying a coating color comprising a pigment and an adhesive on a base paper containing an organic compound having the effect of inhibiting interfiber bonding of pulp to form a coating layer, drying the coating layer in the wet state, then plasticizing it by rewetting and pressing and drying the coating layer against a heated mirror finishing surface to form a finished cast coating

layer, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the coating color contains not less than 50 parts by weight of a kaolin based on 100 parts by weight of inorganic pigments~~[[;]]~~, that the kaolin has a particle size distribution such that not less than 65% by volume of the particles are in the range of 0.4-4.2 μm and that the cast coating layer contains a plastic pigment.

[5] (Currently Amended) The process for preparing a cast-coated paper of claim 4 ~~characterized in that~~wherein the coating layer has a sheet gloss of 70% or more as measured according to JIS-P8142 after drying and before rewetting.

[6] (New) A cast-coated paper obtained by applying a cast coating layer comprising a pigment and an adhesive on a base paper containing an organic compound having the effect of inhibiting interfiber bonding of pulp, and drying the coating layer in a wet state, pressing and redrying the cast coating layer in a rewetting state against a heated mirror finishing surface to finish it, characterized in that the cast coating layer contains not less than 50 parts by weight of a kaolin based on 100 parts by weight of inorganic pigments, that the kaolin has a particle size distribution such that not less than 65 % by volume of the particles are in the range of 0.4-4.2 μm and that the cast coating layer contains a plastic pigment and that the coating layer has a sheet gloss of 70 % or more as measured according to JIS-P8142 after drying and before rewetting.